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Fire and Law Enforcement Team Up to Raise Awareness

On February 22, 2006, at 10:00 am, six different police and fire agencies will be teaming up to raise awareness of the importance of yielding to emergency vehicles. Two officers will be assigned to each fire station. One officer will actually ride with the fire crew while the other officer follows them in a patrol vehicle. When the law enforcement officer in the fire vehicle observes a driver failing to yield properly, he or she will radio to the following officer who will make a traffic stop.

Officers from the Spokane Police Department will be riding from Spokane Fire Station #1 (Riverside & Browne), Spokane Valley Police officers will be riding from Spokane Valley Fire Station #8 (210 N Wilbur) and WSP Troopers will be riding out of Spokane County Fire District #9 (corner of Market and Farwell).

Local fire and law enforcement officers would like to remind drivers that Washington State law (RCW 46.61.210) requires drivers to yield to the right shoulder and stop when an authorized emergency vehicle is approaching. Response times are very critical for first responders to help save life and property. The fine for not yielding properly for an authorized emergency vehicle in Washington State is \$500.

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